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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,

RECORDING MEDIUM AND DATA SIGNAL PROVIDING IMAGE PROCESSING

PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, lines 16-17, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

FIGS. $10A \sim 10C$ illustrate other selection menu screens brought up on the LCD 4 in FIG. 1.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended to eliminate any reference to FIG. 10D. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii)).

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Attached: APPENDIX

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Changes to Specification:

Page 7, lines 16-17:

FIGS. $10A \sim 10 \underline{PC}$ illustrate other selection menu screens brought up on the LCD 4 in FIG. 1.